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STATINTL MEMORANDUM FOR:   
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STATINTL FROM :   
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SUBJECT : Status of Senate Select Committee on  
Intelligence Document Control Review

By letter of 22 June 1976, George Bush agreed to extend the moratorium on the destruction of Agency documents until 10 December 1976. The moratorium had first been ordered by Director Colby on 28 January 1975. The 22 June letter also stated that the Agency would transmit to the Committee copies of the records control schedules also submitted to the National Archives and Records Service. Finally, Mr. Bush's 22 June letter stated "I am confident that suitable arrangements can be made for review of documents before they are destroyed if this is the desire of the Select Committee."

Although I have urged the Committee on several occasions to rapidly develop procedures to review documents scheduled for destruction and give their clearance, progress has been frustratingly slow. The committee has designated a staff member, Evelyn Chavoor, to master the Agency's file system and destruction policy, and to make recommendations on procedures for the Committee's document review. Ms. Chavoor is still in the learning about the files stage.

No commitments have been made by CIA regarding what level of Committee review of documents is acceptable. My personal top priority is to try to avoid the Committee reviewing materials which would first require sanitization. I believe this would be an enormous waste of time of Agency personnel.

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